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PATENT APPLICATION



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
JEFFREY J. ZETTLE et al. ) : Examiner: N. M. Eloshway  
Application No.: 10/092,469 ) : Group Art Unit: 3727  
Filed: March 8, 2002 ) :  
For: CONTAINER LID WITH SELECTABLE ) : August 9, 2004  
OPENING AND VALVE ASSEMBLY : (Monday)  
FOR RETAINING A VALVE )

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                             |                                           |       |                                       |                  |                |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                                               | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE           | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                               | 62                                        | MINUS | 62                                    | 0                | x \$9<br>\$18  | \$0.00            |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                              | 7                                         | MINUS | 7                                     | 0                | x \$43<br>\$86 | \$0.00            |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims \$140/\$280 |                                           |       |                                       |                  |                |                   |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE<br>FOR THIS AMENDMENT    |                                           |       |                                       |                  |                | \$0.00            |

Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

- A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 CFR 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Extension fee for response within \_\_\_\_\_ months is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Office Action dated July 8, 2004, sets forth a restriction requirement between two groups of claims. Group I, claims 1-20 and 59-62, is drawn to a subcombination of a valve assembly, and is classified in class 220, subclass 203.18. Group II, claims 21-58, is drawn to a combination of a lid having a valve assembly and cover, and is classified in class 220, subclass 254.3.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.143, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-20 and 59-62 are contained within Group I. However, the Examiner's grouping of the claims is traversed, because Applicants believe that claims 39-58 also should be included in Group I. In particular, independent claims 39 and 43,

although relating to improved assemblies from which to drink, recite generally the same features as independent claims 1 and 5, respectively. Applicants thus submit that elected Group I includes claims 1-20 and 39-63, not claims 1-20 and 59-63 as set forth in the Office Action. Favorable reconsideration of the grouping of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below for S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.

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